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Dear Friends,

As you gather for the 2012 Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County Annual Gala and Auction, I join you in a spirit of thanksgiving for the support you provide Catholic education and schools in Montgomery County and the Archdiocese of Washington through awarding scholarships and grants. Thank you!

In his meeting earlier this year with a group of United States bishops in Rome on their *ad limina* visit, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, stressed the importance of providing young people with an education firmly grounded in the faith and noted “the essential task of authentic education at every level is not simply that of passing on knowledge...but also of shaping hearts.” Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County has helped to encourage students seeking to achieve an excellent education rooted in the love of God by providing them with the opportunity of attending a Catholic school.

The Network honors Mr. Kevin Sexton this year with the 2012 Catholic Business Person of the Year Award for his accomplishments, in particular his role as President and Chief Executive Officer of Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Maryland. Under Mr. Sexton’s leadership, Holy Cross Hospital has become a top performer among hospitals in Maryland, leading in community health care and providing health care centers for the uninsured and underinsured, as well as expanding its prenatal care services for women without insurance. Mr. Sexton is a dedicated supporter of Catholic businesses and education, and I am pleased to join the Catholic Business Network in honoring him for his example and witness.

Asking God’s blessings on you and your families and with every good wish for the continued success of the Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County, I am

Faithfully yours,

Archbishop of Washington

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19th Annual Gala and Auction